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## **Building Committee Minutes 02-18-2003**

### **TOWN OF ARLINGTON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003**

**PRESENT:** John Cole, Chairman Nancy Galkowski  
 William Shea, Vice Chairman  
**ABSENT:** Thomas Caccavaro Robert Juusola  
 Teresa DeBenedictus Suzanne Owayda  
 Kathleen Donovan Charles Stretton

***Please note the absence of a quorum.***

**PARTICIPANTS:** Greg Carell, The Carell Group  
 Chief Richard Maimone, Arlington Fire

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

#### **DALLIN**

The Chairman received an application (Determination of Applicability) from the Arlington Conservation Commission in the matter of the small parcel of land adjacent to the Dallin School site.

#### **PARK AVE. FIRE STATION – G. CARRELL**

- According to Chief Maimone, he and the architect (Greg Carell) have had several meetings with the subcommittee. The design of the floor plan has been developed, and they are comfortable with the look of the building. When the plans are somewhat finalized, the Chief said that he would like to involve the neighborhood in a review of the plans.
- Mr. Carell's presentation included a model of the proposed building, a review of the plans, and samples for the exterior (brick, stone, trim, and roofing samples).
  - o The building is L-shaped and similar in appearance to the current facility with three floors (basement, main, sleeping quarters/attic).
  - o Two-bay station (one side for fire apparatus & one side for possible auxiliary use) - The design would allow for possible future expansion. Doors are glazed. Cathedral ceiling in this portion of building with an attic above for storage. This section is set back 35 feet from the street.
  - o Driveway goes beneath the building to the rear of the site (parking)
  - o The building is 6700 square feet with another 1000 square feet of usable storage space in the attic.
  - o The generator for the light plant will be located in the back of the building as well as a garden area.
  - o The architect is just beginning to get into the materials for the interior of the building. He spoke about terrazzo flooring (alternate rubber flooring), carpeting for sleeping area, and concrete for bays.
- The survey will be done as soon as the weather permits.
- A meeting was held with the Historical Commission.
- Because the new facility will be closer than the current building to the property line on one side, the committee was concerned about zoning regulations. In addition, the architect has not planned for handicapped parking which may be a potential ADA problem. Mr. Carell will meet with Alan McClennen as soon as possible to investigate both issues. Mr. Carell will also provide the committee with a memo explaining the rationale of not designing the building with an elevator as the upper and lower floors do not have to be accessible for the public.
- The architect will return to the committee on March 18<sup>th</sup> with a more developed design and cost estimates.
- The architect is still looking for an agreement, contract, or letter of authorization.

#### **FINAL DISCUSSION**

- Peirce - Because the town and Castagna Construction have come to an agreement about open budget issues, the committee will not have to ask Town Meeting to fund a shortfall for the Peirce project. Mr. Shea will call Town Hall to remove the article from the Town Meeting warrant.
- Mr. Cole will forward to Town Counsel a demand letter received from an attorney representing an independent supplier to Tinker Electrical (subcontractor – Peirce).
- Several issues to be addressed by the committee:
  - o a vote to sign the release on the Brackett noise issue
  - o a letter from Owen Beenhouwer to discuss logistics of doing work (Dallin) this summer.
- Mr. Shea will send a memo to the Stratton & Thompson HVAC contractor about the proposed heating systems.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Carroll